

Page 4, between lines 8 and 9, insert

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--;

between lines 19 and 20, insert

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1, line 1, change "[1]" to --1.--;

line 2, delete "(1)";

line 3, delete "(1)";

line 4, delete "(2)";

line 6, delete "(2)"; same line, delete "(3)";

line 8, delete "(1)"; same line, delete "(2)".

Claim 2, line 1, change "[2]" to --2.--;

line 3, delete "(1)".

Claim 3, line 1, change "[3]" to --3.--;

line 2, change "any one of claims 1 to 2" to --claim 1--;

line 3, delete "(1)".

Claim 4, line 1, change "[4]" to --4.--;

line 2, change "any of claims 1-3" to --claim 1--.

Please add new Claims 5-7 as follows:

a1 --5. An exhaust device for internal combustion engines according to claim 2, characterized in that the said pipe element is provided with a wall made of stainless metal alloy.